

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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DENISE M. BARRY; JANE B. GREEN; )	CIVIL NO. 05-10528 RCL
ELIZABETH H. GOLDEN; PATRICIA J.)	
McDONOUGH; ELAINE MESITI, LILA )	
BROWN, MARY M. KANE, and )	
JOANNE CALLAHAN, individually and )	
on behalf of all those similarly situated, )	
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Plaintiffs, )	
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vs. )	
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ROBERT J. MORAN; PAUL A. )	
CHRISTIAN; WILLIAM KESSLER; )	
WILLIAM HITCHCOCK; CITY OF )	
BOSTON (FIRE DEPARTMENT), and )	
JOHN and/or JANE DOES 1-50, )	
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Defendants. )	
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**SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR  
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, DECLARATORY RELIEF, AND DAMAGES  
ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFFS INDIVIDUALLY,  
AND ON BEHALF OF A CLASS OF PERSONS SIMILARLY SITUATED**

Plaintiffs Denise M. Barry, Jane B. Green, Elizabeth Golden, Patricia McDonough, Elaine Mesiti, Lyla Brown, Mary Kane, and Joanne Callahan, individually and on behalf of all those similarly situated [hereinafter collectively referred to as "Plaintiffs"], by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby assert the following facts and claims against Defendants Robert J. Moran, Paul A. Christian, William Kessler, William Hitchcock [collectively referred to as the "Individual Defendants"] in their individual and official capacities, and against Defendant City of Boston and its Fire Department [hereinafter "BFD"].

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

- 1) This is a class action to redress the deprivation under color of statutes, ordinances, regulations, customs, policies, practices, and/or usages of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to Plaintiffs by the First, Fifth, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, Articles I, VI, XI, XII, and Amendment XVI of the Massachusetts Constitution, Declaration of Rights, and 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1988, et seq., M.G.L. c. 12, §§ 11H, 11I, and 11J, M.G.L. c. 25, §17, and M.G.L. c. 149, § 185b, the City of Boston October 2000 Executive Order, and state common law, inter alia. Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, seek declaratory and injunctive relief pursuant to M.G.L. c. 214, § 1, M.G.L. c. 231A, and 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985, and 1986, *inter alia*, and damages. Plaintiffs allege further that Defendant BFD and its supervisors negligently failed to train and supervise its employees, including but not limited to Defendant Moran, thereby causing the violations of Plaintiffs' constitutional, statutory, and other legal rights, and seek damages accordingly.

## **PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff Denise M. Barry is an individual residing at 4 Essex Street, Charlestown, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02129.
2. Plaintiff Jane B. Green is an individual residing at 60 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02132.
3. Plaintiff Patricia J. McDonough is an individual residing at 31 Woodcliff Road, Holbrook, Norfolk County, Massachusetts 02343.
4. Plaintiff Elizabeth H. Golden is an individual residing at 74 Tremont Street, Charlestown, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02129.

5. Plaintiff Elaine Mesiti is an individual residing at 12 Waterman Road, Roslindale, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02131.
6. Plaintiff Lila Brown is an individual residing at 99 Lawrence Avenue, Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02121.
7. Plaintiff Mary M. Kane is an individual residing at 619 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, South Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02127.
8. Plaintiff Joanne Callahan is an individual residing at 5 Rogers Street, South Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02127.
9. Defendant Robert Moran is employed as the Personnel Manager in the Boston Fire Department. Upon information and belief, Defendant Moran resides at 86 Minot Street, Dorchester, Boston, Massachusetts 02122. Defendant Moran is sued in his official and individual capacities.
10. Defendant Paul A. Christian was, at relevant times herein, employed as the Fire Commissioner for the City of Boston Fire Department, with his place of business located at 115 Southhampton Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and who resides at 1682 Columbia Road, South Boston, Massachusetts 02127. Defendant Christian is sued in his official and individual capacities.
11. Defendant William Kessler is employed by the City of Boston as the Director of Employment and Recruitment, with his place of business located at Boston City Hall, Room 612, Boston, Massachusetts 02201. Defendant Kessler is sued in his official and individual capacities.
12. Defendant William Hitchcock was employed, at relevant times herein, as the Director of Operations for the City of Boston Fire Department, and resides at 15 Hatch Avenue,

Braintree, Massachusetts 02184. Defendant Hitchcock is sued in his official and individual capacities.

13. Defendant City of Boston, inclusive of its Fire Department ["BFD"], is an incorporated governmental municipality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with the BFD's principal office located at 115 Southhampton Street, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.
14. Defendants John and/or Jane Does 1-50 [hereinafter "Doe Defendants"] are administrators, supervisors, and/or other employees and/or staff of the BFD and/or of related municipal entities, and/or government and/or non-government persons and/or entities employed, hired, and/or otherwise engaged by the City of Boston, whose true names and capacities are as yet unknown to Plaintiffs and their counsel despite inquiry and due diligence, who acted and/or failed to act herein as more particularly alleged below. The Doe Defendants are sued herein in both their official and their individual capacities. The true names and capacities of the Doe Defendants will be substituted through a Motion to Amend the Complaint as they become known.

#### **JURISDICTION**

15. The original Complaint in this matter was filed in the Superior Court of Commonwealth of Massachusetts which had jurisdiction over this action for damages and equitable relief pursuant to M.G.L. c. 212, § 4 and M.G.L. c. 214, §1, respectively, *inter alia*.
16. The civil rights claims asserted herein present questions of federal law thereby conferring jurisdiction upon this Court under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985, and 1986, inter alia. Any and all state law claims contained herein form part of the same case or controversy and therefore fall within the Court's supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.

**CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

17. Plaintiffs Barry, Green, McDonough, Golden, Mesiti, Brown, Kane, and Callahan bring this action in their own behalf and, pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(1)(2) and (3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, in behalf of all others who were or are similarly situated.
18. Plaintiffs Barry, Green, McDonough, Golden, Mesiti, Brown, Kane, and Callahan seek to represent that class of present and former administrative employees of the Boston Fire Department who have been and/or are being subjected to unlawful political affiliation discrimination, or retaliation based upon their objection to, or reporting of, said political affiliation discrimination, that has been practiced and/or is now being practices within the Boston Fire Department, as set forth below.
19. Plaintiffs fairly and adequately will represent the interests of the class because Plaintiffs' claims that Defendants' policies, practices, regulations, and/or actions deprive them of constitutionally protected rights, inter alia, are typical of the claims of the class as a whole.
20. Plaintiffs know of no conflicts of interest among members of the class and are represented by an attorney who has litigated several class actions in federal court and adequately will represent the interests of the entire class.
21. Plaintiffs allege that the prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the party opposing the class.
22. Plaintiffs allege further that adjudications with respect to individual class representatives would, as a practical matter, be dispositive of the interests of certain other class members who are not parties to this action, or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests..

23. Defendants have acted and/or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the class thereby making appropriate final injunctive, declaratory, and monetary relief with respect to the class as a whole.
24. Plaintiffs assert that there are questions of law and fact that predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, and a class action is superior to individual lawsuits or other methods of formal dispute resolution.
25. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge and belief, there are approximately thirty-five to forty potential class members.

**FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS**

26. On or about October 2000, City of Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino issued an Executive Order which "ordered and directed" that "[a]ll departments within the City of Boston shall adhere to this policy" and setting forth the policy, *inter alia*, that "discrimination, retaliation and harassment are contrary to City policy and are also illegal. Such conduct is defined as follows: . . . Conduct that conditions a person's hiring, compensation, terms and conditions of employment or access to services provided by the City on that person's . . . political affiliation[.]"
27. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege that the October 2000 Executive Order was issued to address a historical pattern and practice of political affiliation discrimination, a.k.a. "patronage" or "cronyism", within Boston City departments, including but not limited to Defendant Boston Fire Department.
28. On or about July 2001, Defendant Moran was hired by the BFD. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendant Moran was not qualified, and certainly not as well qualified as other applicants as set forth below, or otherwise suited for the

position of personnel manager, was suspended and/or terminated from his previous human resources position for cause, and obtained the position with the BFD primarily as a political favor.

29. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that regular meetings were held between and among Defendants Moran, Hitchcock, and Christian in which meetings it was determined who would be hired or promoted such that the primary factor was not the person's qualifications, but was the applicant's political affiliation or other association with those maintaining power and influence as to the BFD.
30. For more than the past five years, Plaintiffs have been passed over for promotions and step increases because they are not politically affiliated or otherwise advantageously associated with those in power in the Fire Department, or those in City Government who have influence in the Fire Department, including but not limited to the following
  - a. On or about 6 February 2006, Anthony Renzi, primarily and/or substantially because of his political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was provided a position as Civil Service Linesman on a Construction Crew, which never was posted for any of the Plaintiffs or Class Members to apply; Plaintiff Golden, among others, would have applied for this position if it had been offered. In addition to the procedurally and substantively unlawful appointment, as an exclamation of his political connections, Mr. Renzi was escorted personally into the office by Defendant Moran upon his first day of work, which was special treatment from Defendant Moran inconsistent with treatment afforded those with no political affiliation.

- b. On or about 22 April 2005, Priscilla Richardson, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was provided a position as an R-10 Principal Clerk, which never was posted for any of the Plaintiffs or Class Members to apply; Plaintiff Callahan, among others, would have applied for this position if it had been offered.
- c. On or about 13 December 2004, Lois Hart, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of an R-14 Principal Clerk, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiffs Barry and Brown, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who, such as Plaintiff Callahan, were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position;
- d. On or about 11 August 2004, Ian McKenzie, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of an MM-5 Case Manager/Utilization Review, later changed and upgraded to MM-7 Director of Utilization Review prior to the hiring of McKenzie, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiffs Barry, Golden, McDonough, and Callahan, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying, such as Plaintiff Green, because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position;
- e. On or about 20 January 2004, Erica Boylan, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political



affiliations, was hired for the position an R-12 Administrative Assistant, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiff Callahan, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position;

- f. On or about 13 October 2003, Michelle Urso, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of an R-15 Head Clerk, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiffs Barry and Callahan, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position;
- g. On or about 12 December 2002, Kerry Manning, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of an R-15 Stationary Clerk, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiffs Barry and Callahan, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position;
- h. On or about 21 July 2001, Mary Kilgallen, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of a MM-8 Principal Administrative Clerk, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiffs McDonough, Kane, and Callahan who

had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position, such as Plaintiff Golden;

i. Furthermore, Mary Kilgallen was provided with another MM-8 position on or about August 2003, and her prior position, rather than being reposted, was abolished, thereby denying the opportunity for promotion to Plaintiffs Barry, Green, Kane, and Brown who would have applied, and certain other Class Members who would have applied;

- (1) The new position that eventually was provided to Kilgallen originally was posted as a MM-6, and Kilgallen, a MM-8, was the interviewer for the position along with Defendant Moran, to interview Plaintiffs Barry, McDonough, Kane, and Brown. Then when the position was raised to a MM-8, only Plaintiff Golden was interviewed, the other Plaintiffs being told that their prior interviews [with Kilgallen] would suffice.
- (2) Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon alleges, that Kilgallen is further granted additional benefits, unavailable to Plaintiffs or the Class Members, in the form of paid time off and free tuition to attend higher education classes on Monday, Wednesdays, and Friday from 9 am to 12 pm, and is allowed to sign in as though working in the building when she is not from 8 to 5.
- (3) Plaintiffs Barry, McDonough, Golden, Kane, and Brown all

protested the manner and substance of Kilgallen's appointment.

- i. On or about 21 July 2001, Defendant Robert Moran, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of Executive Assistant Director of Human Services MM-12, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiff Mesiti, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position;
- j. On or about 9 July 2001, Eileen Stille, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of an R-10 [or 12] Head Clerk, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiffs Barry, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position;
- k. On or about 19 June 2001, Carol Petta, primarily and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of an MM-8 Principal Administrative Assistant, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiff McDonough, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position; and
- l. On or about 18 September 2000, Mary Ann McHugo (nee Creedan), primarily

and/or substantially because of her political affiliations with one or more of the Defendants or their political affiliations, was hired for the position of a MM-8 Principal Administrative Assistant, thereby depriving the position to Plaintiffs McDonough and Golden, who had applied, and certain other Class Members who had applied for the position, or who were dissuaded from applying because they were informed that a person with favorable political connections already had been promised the position.

- i. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Mary Ann McHugo receives additional benefits, unavailable to Plaintiffs or Class Members, in the form of free tuition to attend higher education.

31. For each of the above positions denied to one of the Plaintiffs and/or Class Members as set forth above, *inter alia*, the position of that denied Plaintiff or Class Member then did not become available for another Plaintiff or Class Member, thus, perpetuating the discriminatory effect down the line to others of lesser or equal grades who would have qualified, applied, and been accepted for the denied Plaintiff's position had it become available.
32. Defendants BFD, Moran, Christian, and Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants have established a pattern and practice of hiring and/or promoting almost exclusively those persons who are politically affiliated, associated, or otherwise connected to those with power and influence over the BFD and those persons in charge, including but not limited to Defendants Moran, Christian, and Hitchcock.
33. Defendants BFD, Moran, Christian, and Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants would, as part of their unlawful practice of political affiliation discrimination, tailor the

position's requirements to the politically affiliated candidate such as to exclude the equally or more qualified Plaintiff or Class Member, by adding in, on an arbitrary and capricious manner, certain requirements that never were required for the same or similar positions, and were not required for the substance of the position.

34. Defendants BFD, Moran, Christian, and Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants would, as part of their unlawful practice of political affiliation discrimination, deny or otherwise impede the provision of training to Plaintiffs, such as Plaintiffs Barry, Golden, and McDonough, and other class members so that they could not match the qualifications set forth in the job postings.
35. Defendants BFD, Moran, Christian, and Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants would, as part of their unlawful practice of political affiliation discrimination, would misrepresent or otherwise fabricate reasons for the denial of promotions to certain Plaintiffs and Class members, such as Defendant Moran representing to Plaintiff Callahan (a formal post office worker lifting large sacks of mail) that she was not hired for the job given to Kerry Manning (a former bakery worker lifting sacks of flour) because the BFD needed someone who occasionally could lift large containers of stationary, and Ms. Manning had the ability..
36. Defendants knew of the unlawful political affiliation discrimination because of complaints reasonably timely submitted to Defendants in writing and orally, and Defendants failed and refused to correct said unlawful discrimination.
37. Defendants Moran, Christian, Hitchcock, and Kessler, and certain Doe Defendants acted, and otherwise purposely failed to act, in concert with each other to affect adversely the terms and conditions of Plaintiffs' respective employment as set forth herein.

38. As set forth in more detail below, complaints were made to Defendant Kessler about the political affiliation and retaliatory conduct of Defendants Moran, Christian, and Hitchcock.
39. Defendant Kessler never conducted a reasonable investigation, and never issued a written opinion regarding Plaintiffs' complaints, despite receiving a written request to conduct an investigation, and despite receiving complaints about Defendant Moran from other individuals, in addition to Plaintiffs, during the meeting on 7 September 2004, and otherwise.
40. Instead, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendant Kessler's refusal and deliberate failure to consider and otherwise investigate the Plaintiff's allegations of wrongdoing by Moran and the BFD was motivated by Plaintiffs lack of political affiliation or other advantageous association with those having influence over the BFD.
41. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiffs have been deprived of wages and benefits, and continue to suffer such losses in amounts to be shown at trial, which are the differences between each Plaintiff's then or present wages and the higher wages of the person installed into the position for which each Plaintiff was well qualified.

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42. On or about 21 August 1996, Plaintiff Barry commenced employment with the BFD in the Training Division as a Principal Clerk, with an R-8 civil service employment rating.
43. On or about 3 July 1998 after a budget review, the BFD upgraded all R-8 positions. As a result, Plaintiff Barry and another employee were upgraded to Head Clerk (R11) positions.

Then, on 1 September 1998, a Memorandum went out from AFSCME Council 93 regarding the Joint Clerical Upgrade Committee Meeting such that whoever held a R-11 Head Clerk position was upgraded to Head Clerk (R12) position, Step 1 (Plaintiff Barry is now at the current pay rate of a step 5, pursuant to regular Union step increases, at approximately \$666.00 per week). This has been the only time that Plaintiff Barry has been upgraded.

44. On or about 14 July 2003, Plaintiff Barry asked Defendant Moran why she was not getting raises or upgrades, whereupon Defendant Moran told Plaintiff Barry that there was not enough money and that no one is getting a raise. Coincidentally, despite the purported lack of money, Plaintiff Barry discovered that Defendant Moran was trying, at this time, to create an R-15 Administrative Assistant position for a Sheila Mancuso, who just recently was employed at the BFD on 12 October 2002 as a form of patronage and political favor.
45. On or about 14 August 2003, Plaintiff Barry submitted a 12-page letter of recommendations from various fire and civilian personnel from different offices that Plaintiff Barry had assisted during her BFD career.
46. On or about 20 August 2003, Plaintiff Barry applied for an R-15 Administrative Assistant position in the BFD, for which she was well-qualified. Plaintiff Barry went on two interviews; first with Defendant Moran; and second with Chief Robert Calobrisi. On her way to the second interview, Plaintiff Barry was told by other employees not to waste her time because they - Defendant Moran and Defendant Christian) already had someone picked for the job from outside the department, and that she purportedly did not meet the minimum entrance qualifications according to the job posting. Plaintiff Barry is informed and believes, and thereupon alleges that an outsider, Michelle Urso, who did not meet the

minimum qualifications but was politically affiliated and otherwise associated with those with power and influence in the BFD, was hired for the position on or about 1 October 2003.

47. On or about 28 August 2003, during a conversation with Defendant Moran, Plaintiff Barry asked Defendant Moran if he had received a reply from City Hall about her pay raise. Defendant's response was, despite the recent hiring as set forth above, "No, I didn't tell you the City is out of money, there is a freeze on raises and hiring?" "No," Plaintiff said, "you didn't tell me."
48. For the past 2 years, Defendant Chief William F. Hitchcock and Chief David R. Granara have requested step increases on several occasions for Plaintiff Barry, which repeatedly were denied by Defendants Moran and Christian.
49. For each position for which Plaintiff Barry applied, she was well qualified for the position, more so than 90% of the persons who received the jobs.
50. On or about 1 October 2003, a BFD nurse, knowing of Plaintiff's competence, asked Plaintiff if she would be willing to assist in organizing the medical bills for payment in a job classified as "Case Manager - Indemnification.". Plaintiff agreed to help and Defendant Moran agreed to appoint Plaintiff Barry as an Acting .position of MM-5.
51. In order to prepare for her new responsibilities, Plaintiff requested of Defendant Moran if she could attend Peoplesoft Training at City Hall because the software had been updated. Defendant Moran's reply was "Yes, I will work on it immediately."
52. On or about 1 October 2003, Plaintiff Barry asked Defendant Moran what Acting Position grade and step that she was doing as a Case Manager. Defendant Moran responded that the position was an "MM-5, and that he would work out what step it was and respond to



Plaintiff Barry at a later time.

53. On or about 3 October 2003, after only one day at the new position, Plaintiff Barry sent \$43,996.48 worth of payrun claims to City Hall to be processed; there was a significant backlog of such payrun claims when Plaintiff Barry entered the position.
54. On or about 3 October 2003, Nurse Barbara Ryan sent an electronic mail message to Carol Connors and Plaintiff Barry, thanking them for their extra effort during the backlog process.
55. On or about 6 October 2003, Department Nurse Barbara Ryan send an electronic mail message to Chief Granara saying that she wanted to thank him for allowing Plaintiff Barry to assist in the claims payment process and that Plaintiff Barry is a pleasure to work with and performs her duties exceptionally well.
56. Plaintiff Barry was doing both her regular position's responsibilities as well as the Case Manager's responsibilities during the time that she had the temporary upgrade.
57. On or about 6 October 2003, Plaintiff Barry requested again of Defendant Moran about the step rate, because she was only receiving the pay for a step 1 while she should be receiving at least a Step 3 or 4.
58. On or about 7 October 2003, Plaintiff Barry requested again of Defendant Moran if he had a chance to ask City Hall about the step rate; Defendant Moran responded that he would check into it.
59. On or about 7 October 2003, Plaintiff Barry sent \$25,753.28 worth of payrun claims to City Hall for processing in order to assist in clearing the Case Manager backlog.
60. On or about 8 October 2003, Plaintiff Barry went to the Fire Marshall's Office of Maryanne McHugo in order to get trained in People Soft, but Ms. McHugo had informed

Defendant Moran earlier that she could not train Plaintiff Barry, and Defendant Moran had failed to inform Plaintiff Barry about this situation, thereby causing unnecessary dissension among BFD employees, and embarrassing Plaintiff Barry.

61. On or about 9 October 2003, Plaintiff Barry had a meeting with the Fire Department Human Resources Manager, Defendant Robert Moran. This meeting was called because Plaintiff Barry wanted to inquire if she would be getting the Case Manager position and because Plaintiff Barry had complaints that she was not receiving promotions and pay increases when due.
62. At the 9 October 2003 meeting, in response to Plaintiff Barry's request for the position and complaints, Defendant Moran said that Plaintiff Barry would not be getting the position, that City Hall had someone else in mind and said, rather blatantly, "Well, if you're not into politics little girl, then you're not into a position here."
63. At the 9 October 2003 meeting, at which Plaintiff Jane Green was present as Plaintiff Barry's Union Shop Steward, Plaintiff Green promptly stood up upon Defendant Moran's statement above, and said to Defendant Moran "I can't believe you are saying this to her, not to mention in front of me." Defendant Moran replied "that's the way it is around here." Whereupon Plaintiff Barry said "so, I am going to be punished because I am not into politics?" Defendant Moran shrugged his shoulders and said "that's politics for you."
64. Later on 9 October 2003, Plaintiff Barry was informed that Defendant Moran was going to retaliate against Plaintiff Barry for her complaints and request for pay raises, such that he never would approve any pay increases for Plaintiff Barry. That has been the case since that time, such that Plaintiff Barry has continued to be denied promotions and wage increases.

65. The person who received the Case Manager position was a former BFD employee who was politically affiliated with those with power and influence over the BFD, Ian McKenzie, who, Plaintiffs are informed and believe, did not even live within the City of Boston at the time he was hired, as is a requirement for such positions; Mr. McKenzie lived in Maryland at the time, while using a Boston property that he owned as his residence address for the purposes of applying for the position. Moreover, Mr. McKenzie received the position as an MM-8, Step 7, paying approximately \$1,350.00 per week, rather than the MM-5, Step 1 pay at approximately \$720.00 per week that Plaintiff Barry was receiving for doing the same job.
66. After Plaintiff Barry's above-mentioned meeting with Defendant Moran, Plaintiff Barry complained in writing and in a meeting to Defendant Kessler, the Director of Employment and Recruitment for the City of Boston, who told her that what Defendant Moran said was not unlawful discrimination and that he could not help Plaintiff Barry.
67. Plaintiff Barry had subsequent meetings with Defendant Kessler and at each meeting, Defendant Kessler refused to acknowledge that discrimination on the basis of political affiliation was unlawful and failed and otherwise refused do an independent investigation of Plaintiff Barry's allegations.
68. On or about 3 September 2004, Plaintiff Barry submitted to her supervisor Chief Granara a written complaint against Defendant Moran and the BFD unlawful practices and policies that he was effectuating.
69. Shortly about or after 3 September 2004, Chief Granara then informed Defendant Hitchcock and then proceeded to inform the Fire Commissioner Defendant Christian of Plaintiff's complaint against Defendant Moran and the alleged policies of discrimination.

70. On or about 3 September 2004, Plaintiff Barry again submitted to, *inter alia*, Defendant Kessler, formal complaints about Defendant Moran's actions against her, including her lack of promotions and retaliation for her complaints, and as to Plaintiff Green for the retaliation being perpetrated upon her as her witness. The Mayor of the City of Boston was notified also of Plaintiffs' complaints against Defendant Moran. In response, on 21 October 2004, legal counsel for the City of Boston's Office of Labor Relations drafted a letter warning Plaintiffs' counsel not to speak with any employees of the City of Boston regarding this matter.
71. On or about 7 September 2004, a meeting was held with Defendant Kessler to review the complaints regarding Defendant Moran's, and others', discrimination, mistreatment, and retaliation against Plaintiffs Barry and Green.
72. More than six months elapsed and Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendant Kessler never conducted an investigation, and never issued a written opinion regarding Plaintiff Barry and Green's complaints, despite receiving a written request to conduct an investigation, and despite receiving complaints about Defendant Moran from other individuals, in addition to Plaintiffs, during the meeting on 7 September 2004.
73. Defendant Kessler, instead of investigating the significant complaints about Defendant Moran's unlawful employment practices from Plaintiff Barry and others, placed an unreasonable and unnecessary burden upon Plaintiff Barry to produce more documentation, when, in fact, Defendant Kessler had more than enough information to commence and otherwise complete a good faith investigation.
74. On or about 15 October 2004, Plaintiff Barry was denied a step increase by Defendants.

75. On or about 20 October 2004, Chief Joseph Finn requested a step increase for Kathy Frechette for an R-17. Kathy Frechette resides in South Boston and is politically affiliated with those presently having political influence over the Boston Fire Department.
76. On or about 9 December 2004, Plaintiff Barry had two hearings scheduled at Labor Relations before Analyst Alice Kessler, the wife of Defendant William Kessler, that were held with regards to her complaints that she was being discriminated against.
77. Eight days after the hearings on 9 December 2004, Plaintiff Green was informed that the Commissioner wants her out of the building immediately for no apparent reason.
78. On or about this time in Mid-December 2004, Defendants Moran, Christian, and Hitchcock, *inter alia*, had a meeting in which it was decided to retaliate against Plaintiff Barry through harassing her witness and Union Shop Steward Plaintiff Green, by moving Plaintiff Green away from her files and make Plaintiff Green's terms and conditions of employment more onerous. At this meeting, in response to concerns that their behavior was retaliatory, Defendant Hitchcock stated "F-k Jane Green."
79. Plaintiff Barry was offered only once an out-of-grade positions when such position were made available to less senior civil service and non-civil-service employees who were politically affiliated to influential persons, including but not limited to Defendants Christian and Moran, for which she would have been qualified. On or about 15 November 2004, Plaintiff Barry reported and complained about this unlawful practice to Defendants, but her reports and complaint were ignored.
80. On or about 4 April 2005, Plaintiff Barry arrived at work, after having taken the last few business days off because of the stress induced by Defendants' retaliatory conduct, and discovered that a surveillance camera installed to monitor the entrance has been re-trained,

at the direction of the Fire Commissioner - Defendant Christian's office, to monitor her work station, instead of the entrance way.

81. Since approximately January of 2006, Plaintiff Barry has been compelled to cover the responsibilities of a Fire Lieutenant (Thomas Dinan), who had been getting acting Captain's pay, who passed away, without Plaintiff Barry being offered an out-of grade promotion for doing the extra work.
82. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiff Barry has been deprived of approximately \$80,000 in wages and benefits, and continues to suffer such losses at the rate of approximately \$1,092 per week, which is the difference between her present wages and the wages of the person who was doing her present job responsibilities before her, for which Plaintiff Barry was well qualified.
83. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff Barry has suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in amounts to be proven at trial, but no less than \$100,000.00.

**PLAINTIFF JANE B. GREEN**

84. Plaintiff Green is employed by the Boston Fire Department as a civil service employee, and a member of, and shop steward in, SENA, Local 9158.
85. Plaintiff Green's responsibilities include reviewing fire reports of the on-scene firemen, providing documentation and confirmation to victims of fires so that the victims, many of whom are poor and destitute as a result of the fire, can receive recoveries from their insurance companies and aid from welfare agencies, including temporary housing and

housing assistance payments. The victims of house and car fires are directed to seek assistance through Plaintiff Green.

86. On or about 9 October 2003, Plaintiff Green was present as the Union Shop Steward for Union Member Plaintiff Barry for a meeting between Plaintiff Barry and Boston Fire Department Human Resources Manager Defendant Robert Moran. This meeting was called as a result of complaints by Plaintiff Barry that she was not receiving promotions and pay increases when due. In response to Plaintiff Barry's complaints, Defendant Moran said, rather blatantly, "Well, if you're not into politics little girl, then you're not into a position here." Plaintiff Green promptly stood up and said to Defendant Moran "I can't believe you are saying this to her, not to mention in front of me." Mr. Moran replied "that's the way it is around here." Whereupon Plaintiff Barry said "so, I am going to be punished because I am not into politics?" Defendant Moran shrugged his shoulders and said "that's politics for you."
87. On or about this time in Mid-December 2004, Defendants Moran, Christian, and Hitchcock, *inter alia*, had a meeting in which it was decided to retaliate against Plaintiffs by moving Plaintiff Green away from her files and make Plaintiff Greens terms and conditions of employment more onerous. At this meeting, in response to concerns that their behavior was retaliatory, Defendant Hitchcock stated "F-k Jane Green."
88. On and before 27 December 2004, Plaintiff Green was based at 115 Southampton Street, Boston, Massachusetts; all of the records that she needs are there, as well as the computer files vital to the efficient operation of her position.
89. In addition, the Fire Investigation Unit, a necessary stop for the victims of car fires, is located just behind 115 Southampton Street, on 920 Massachusetts Avenue. Fortunately

- for the victims of house fires, there is ample free parking near 115 Southamptton Street.
90. On Thursday, 23 December 2004, Defendant Moran handed Plaintiff Green a paper stating "this is your official transfer paper," signed, Peter Liazza, Fire Marshal, Boston Fire Department. The transfer stated that management has decided that the Fire Reports section (Plaintiff Green's section) of the Fire Prevention Division will be relocated to 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, starting Monday, 27 December 2004. The only explanation provided was that "this is not a transfer but a relocation."
  91. When Plaintiff Green was moved, she was told that the equipment and files needed for her position would be moved with her. This did not happen for more than 8 months after she moved, forcing her to travel back and forth between buildings for almost the entire winter..
  92. The relocation is arbitrary, capricious, and malicious because Plaintiff Green's records still are located at 115 Southamptton Street, requiring her to make two or three trips a week to look up information for customers.
  93. Plaintiff Green's move to 1010 Massachusetts Avenue also has an adverse impact upon the public.
  94. Plaintiff Green's move causes an unnecessary, malicious, arbitrary, and capricious burden to the public to access the Fire Investigation Unit, there is no free parking (often a vital consideration for the newly destitute); and Plaintiff Green was practically unreachable because her old telephone number had been disconnected, without being re-established at her new location until Tuesday, 8 March 2005. Plaintiff Green remained separated from key files and records located at 115 Southhamptton Street for more than eight months, posing an undue and malicious burden upon the terms and conditions of her employment



because of her exercise of her First Amendment Rights to speak on behalf of Plaintiff Barry.

95. Up until 8 March 2005, Plaintiff Green's current location did not provide her with a telephone such that she was cut off from answering vital customer and work-related inquiries and helping customers in need of emergency services, such that she was forced to locate an available desk, and stand over the person whose desk it is, to answer and return calls at least 15 to 20 times a day for three months.
96. The Boston Fire Department is in the business of not only putting out fires, but are to provide fire victims with the essential services they need to help them.
97. The emotional pain of people experiencing the devastating effects of fire is traumatic, and then not to provide the emergency services they so desperately need creates further trauma and burden. With the loss of a home, belongings and sometimes family members, people are emotionally distraught and angry, and are in need of emergency services. Plaintiff Green's present location prevents her from meeting the needs of the public effectively.
98. Plaintiff Green's responsibilities as Senior Administrative Assistant - Incident Reports requires her to be in constant contact with people to provide information on fire or incident reports, and to do research in order to get emergency services when needed either through Boston Housing, Salvation Army, Red Cross or insurance companies. This process further requires the public to come to 1010 Mass Ave., to pick up a fire report or information, where parking is a problem or paying a parking fee of five-dollars (which they often do not have); such problems did not exist at her former location.
99. Because of information that Plaintiff Green has provided and offered to provide as a

- witness to the violations of law being perpetrated by Defendants, the actions of the Defendants are in violation of the terms and conditions of her employment and of law.
100. The transfer or job relocation to 1010 Mass Ave., serves no other purpose than retaliation, discrimination, and harassment because of Plaintiff Green's exercise of her First Amendment Rights to freedom of speech in her union activity in an official capacity as shop steward, and in her role as a witness to and reporter of the violations of law perpetrated upon Plaintiff Barry.
  101. The transfer or job relocation has been difficult and frustrating for Plaintiff Green in trying to do Plaintiff Green's job for at least eight full months after her purported "transfer", and has caused, and continues to cause, severe emotional and physical distress and suffering, such that she has been compelled to seek medical treatment for the same.
  102. Plaintiff Green filed a grievance regarding her retaliatory, forced relocation, which was heard on 27 January 2005 by Labor Relations Analyst Alice Kessler.
  103. Labor Relations Analyst Alice Kessler is the wife of Defendant Kessler.
  104. By decision dated 1 March 2005, Labor Relations Analyst Kessler found that there was no violation of the collective bargaining agreement, and thereby denied Plaintiff Green's grievance.
  105. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that such grievances that address the discrimination based upon political affiliation, and any related grievances, are arbitrarily, capriciously, and uniformly denied by the Office of Labor Relations, and specifically by Ms. Kessler.
  106. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff Green discovered from her physician on Saturday, 12 March 2005, that her blood

pressure suddenly has become threateningly high, such that her physician has considered pulling Plaintiff Green from her position for health reasons.

107. On 1 April 2004, Defendant Moran continued his retaliatory conduct against Plaintiffs by calling Plaintiff Green at her home and denying her bereavement leave for the death of her husband's brother the day before. It has been the long standing practice in the BFD to grant five days of bereavement leave under such and similar circumstances. Thus, Plaintiff Green has been forced to use her vacation pay instead of the bereavement leave ordinarily granted, and has suffered the loss of those vacation days in the amount of approximately \$669.00, accordingly.
108. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiff Green has been deprived of approximately \$40,000 in wages and benefits, and continues to suffer such losses at the rate of approximately \$400 per week, which is the difference between her present wages and the wages of the person installed into the Case Manager position, for which Plaintiff Barry was well qualified.
109. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff Green has suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in amounts to be proven at trial, but no less than \$100,000.00.
110. Defendants, in concert with each other, acted, and otherwise purposefully failed to act, to affect adversely the terms and conditions of Plaintiff Green's employment as set forth.

**PLAINTIFF PATRICA McDONOUGH**

111. On or about 6 November 1974, Plaintiff McDonough commenced employment with the BFD in an administrative position.

112. Plaintiff McDonough is now, and has been for approximately the last five years, at the current pay rate of an MM-8.
113. For the positions to which she applied, Plaintiff McDonough often was told not to waste her time because they - Defendants Moran and Defendant Christian, among others in power - already had someone picked for the job from outside the department, and that she purportedly did not meet the minimum entrance qualifications according to the job posting.
114. In or about September 2000, when Plaintiff McDonough applied for the position given to Mary Ann McHugo, Defendants decided to not even provide Plaintiff McDonough an interview for the posted position.
115. For each position for which Plaintiff McDonough applied, she was well qualified for the position, more so than the politically affiliated persons who received the jobs.
116. Plaintiff McDonough, timely after her denials of the above-mentioned positions, submitted written complaints and/or grievances to her supervisors and Defendants, including Defendant Kessler, describing and seeking a correction of the unlawful practices and policies that were being effectuated by the Defendants; Plaintiff McDonough continues to assert her complaints in writing and orally..
117. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiff McDonough has been deprived of approximately \$67,138.00 in wages and benefits, and continues to suffer such losses at the rate of approximately \$251.22 per week.
118. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff McDonough has suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in

amounts to be proven at trial, but no less than \$100,000.00.

**PLAINTIFF ELIZABETH H. GOLDEN**

119. On or about 15 July 1985, Plaintiff Golden commenced employment with the BFD in an administrative position.
120. Plaintiff Golden is now, and has been for approximately the last five years, at the current pay rate of an MM-6.
121. For the positions to which she applied, and for some that she did not, Plaintiff Golden often was told, many times by Defendant Moran, not to waste her time because they - Defendants Moran and Defendant Christian, among others in power - already had someone picked for the job from outside the department, and that she purportedly did not meet the minimum entrance qualifications according to the job posting.
122. For each position for which Plaintiff Golden applied, she was well qualified for the position, more so than the politically affiliated persons who received the jobs.
123. Plaintiff Golden submitted written complaints and grievances to her supervisors and Defendants, including Defendant Kessler, describing and seeking a correction of the unlawful practices and policies that were being effectuated by the Defendants.
124. On or about Spring 2005, Plaintiff Golden met, after submitting a written complaint and demand for investigation, with Labor Relations with Defendant William Kessler, that was held to discuss her complaints that she was being discriminated against.
125. Defendant Kessler promised to investigate Plaintiff's Golden's allegations but, Plaintiff Golden is informed and believes and thereupon alleges, that Defendant Kessler did not perform an investigation in good faith or otherwise, and simply informed Plaintiff Golden that her complaint was not covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement. When asked

to point specifically to what provision[s] of the CBA did not no apply, Defendant Kessler failed and refused to answer such of Plaintiff Golden's inquired.

126. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiff Golden has been deprived of approximately \$65,000.00 in wages and benefits, and continues to suffer such losses at the rate of approximately \$220.00 per week.

127. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff Golden has suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in amounts to be proven at trial, but no less than \$100,000.00.

**PLAINTIFF ELAINE MESITI**

128. On or about 11 July 1966, Plaintiff Mesitit commenced employment with the BFD in an administrative position.

129. Plaintiff Mesiti is now, and has been for approximately the last five years, at the current pay rate of an MM-8.

130. For the positions to which she applied, Plaintiff Mesiti often was told not to waste her time because they - Defendants Moran and Defendant Christian, among others in power - already had someone picked for the job from outside the department, and that she purportedly did not meet the minimum entrance qualifications according to the job posting. .

131. For each position for which Plaintiff Mesiti applied, she was well qualified for the position, more so than the politically affiliated persons who received the jobs.

132. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiff Mesiti has been deprived of approximately

\$123,900.00 in wages and benefits through 2005, and continues to suffer such losses at the rate of approximately \$390.00 per week.

133. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff McDonough has suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in amounts to be proven at trial, but no less than \$100,000.00.

**PLAINTIFF LILA BROWN**

134. On or about 26 November 1997, Plaintiff Brown commenced employment with the BFD in an administrative position.
135. Plaintiff Brown is now, and has been for approximately the last five years, at the current pay rate of an R-12.
136. For the positions to which she applied, Lois Hart's R-14, Plaintiff Brown applied the first time that the position was offered interdepartmentally. Plaintiff was interviewed, along with Plaintiff Green, but both were informed that the position was going to be reposted interdepartmentally. The second time that it was posted, Plaintiff Brown was the only applicant, and, though qualified, still she did not get the position. The position was posted a third time, city wide, to which Plaintiff Brown applied again, interviewed again and once again was not picked. The third time around, Lois Hart, substantially on the basis of her political connections.
137. Plaintiff Brown often was told not to waste her time because they - Defendants Moran and Defendant Christian, among others in power - already had someone picked for the job from outside the department, and that she purportedly did not meet the minimum entrance qualifications according to the job posting.
138. For each position for which Plaintiff Brown applied, she was well qualified for the

position, more so than the politically affiliated persons who received the jobs.

139. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiff Brown has been deprived of approximately \$4,000 in wages and benefits, and continues to suffer such losses at the rate of approximately \$89.00 per week.

140. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff Brown has suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in amounts to be proven at trial, but no less than \$100,000.00.

**PLAINTIFF MARY KANE**

141. On or about 26 October 1987, Plaintiff Kane commenced employment with the BFD in an administrative position.

142. Plaintiff Kane is now, and has been for approximately the last five years, at the current pay rate of an MM-8.

143. For the positions to which she applied, Plaintiff Kane often was told not to waste her time because they - Defendants Moran and Defendant Christian, among others in power - already had someone picked for the job from outside the department, and that she purportedly did not meet the minimum entrance qualifications according to the job posting.

144. For each position for which Plaintiff Kane applied, she was well qualified for the position, more so than the politically affiliated persons who received the jobs.

145. Plaintiff Kane complained orally and submitted written complaints and grievances to her supervisors and Defendants, including Defendant Kessler, describing and seeking a



correction of the unlawful practices and policies that were being effectuated by the Defendants.

146. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiff Kane has been deprived of approximately \$ 78,000.00 in wages and benefits, and continues to suffer such losses at the rate of approximately \$344.00 per week.
147. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff Kane has suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in amounts to be proven at trial, but no less than \$100,000.00.

**PLAINTIFF JOANNE CALLAHAN**

148. On or about 2000, Plaintiff Callahan commenced employment with the BFD in an administrative position.
149. Plaintiff Callahan is now, and has been for approximately the last five years, at the current pay rate of a R-9, acting as a R-112.
150. Defendant Moran regularly threatens Defendant Callahan with the loss of her relatively higher acting-pay status in retaliation for Defendant Callahan's complaints about Moran's improper and unlawful political affiliation discrimination.
151. Plaintiff Callahan has continued to complain and object to the unlawful treatment as set forth herein.
152. Defendant Moran told Plaintiff Callahan that because she was not politically connected that she would be unable to get promoted in the Boston Fire Department and, furthermore, that the BFD does not generally reward an employee solely upon good or exemplary job performance, in the absence of political affiliation.

153. At least two times in the last six months, Plaintiff Callahan was denied step increases because of her lack of a BFD favorable political affiliation.
154. For the positions to which she applied, Plaintiff Callahan often was told not to waste her time because they - Defendants Moran and Defendant Christian, among others in power - already had someone picked for the job from outside the department, and that she purportedly did not meet the minimum entrance qualifications according to the job posting.
155. For each position for which Plaintiff Callahan applied, she was well qualified for the position, more so than the politically affiliated persons who received the jobs.
156. As a direct and proximate result of the discrimination and other violations of the law perpetrated by Defendants, Plaintiff Callahan has been deprived of approximately \$20,000.00 in wages and benefits, and continues to suffer such losses at the rate of approximately \$100.00 per week.
157. As a direct and proximate cause of the foregoing actions and omissions of the Defendants, Plaintiff Callahan has suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in amounts to be proven at trial, but no less than \$100,000.00.

### **CLAIMS**

#### **First Cause of Action - Massachusetts Civil Rights Act M.G.L. c. 12, 11H and 11I**

158. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
159. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf all those similarly situated.
160. Defendants Christian, Hitchcock, Kessler, Moran, and certain Doe Defendants

perpetrated, and continue to perpetrate a scheme of harassment and retaliation against Plaintiffs in order to deny Plaintiffs rights secured to them by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of the United States.

161. Defendants Christian, Hitchcock, Kessler, Moran, and certain Doe Defendants, in their individual capacities, interfered, or attempted to interfere, by threats, intimidation, and/or coercion, with Plaintiffs' exercise of their rights of freedom of speech and association, and to due process of law, *inter alia*.
162. As a direct and proximate cause of these Defendants' violation of laws as set forth herein, Plaintiffs have suffered, and continue to suffer, adverse and hostile employment actions, and severe emotional distress, in amounts as set forth herein and to be proven at trial.

**Second Cause of Action - Whistleblower Protection Act - Violation of M.G.L. c 149, § 185**

163. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
164. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf all those similarly situated.
165. Plaintiffs have suffered retaliation in the form of adverse and hostile terms and conditions of employment because of Plaintiffs' reports regarding the unlawful political affiliation discrimination and patronage practices being perpetrated by Defendant BFD (Defendants Christian, Hitchcock, and Moran in their official capacities).
166. As a direct and proximate result of said violations of public policy, Plaintiffs have suffered, and will continue to suffer, severe emotional distress in amounts as set forth herein and to be shown at trial.

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**Third Cause of Action - 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

167. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
168. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf all those similarly situated.
169. This claim for relief is brought against Defendants Moran, Christian, Kessler, and Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants, in their individual capacities for monetary damages, against Defendant BFD for monetary damages because of the pattern and practice of such unlawful conduct, and against all Defendants in their official capacities, including the BFD, for declaratory and injunctive relief.
170. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that the individual Defendants Moran, Christian, Hitchcock, Kessler, and certain of the Doe Defendants acted and/or purported to act herein under color of statutes, regulations, customs, practices, and/or usages of the Municipality of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
171. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that by the aforementioned acts and/or omissions of Defendants Moran, Hitchcock, Kessler, and Christian and certain of the Doe Defendants, Plaintiffs have been unlawfully denied their First Amendment Rights to Freedom of Speech and Association, due process of law, and their rights to be free from unlawful discrimination, including discrimination on the basis of political affiliation and patronage, whether created by federal, state, or local law, inter alia, in violation of rights guaranteed to them by the United States Constitution, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1988, and the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including but not limited to M.G.L., c. 12, §§ 11H, 11I, and 11J, Articles I, VI, XI, XII,

and Amendment XVI of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, M.G.L. c. 127, § 32, M.G.L., c. 149, § 185b; and the City of Boston October 2000 Executive Order, inter alia.

172. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendants Moran, Christian, Hitchcock, Kessler, and certain of the Doe Defendants, acted herein knowingly, intentionally, willfully, recklessly, and/or with deliberate indifference for the rights and/or interests and/or well being of Plaintiffs, thereby directly and proximately causing injuries in amounts as set forth herein and to be proven at trial.

**Fourth Cause of Action - Conspiracy under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1985 and 1986**

173. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
174. Plaintiffs recognize that this Fourth Cause of Action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 1985 and 1986 was dismissed by order of this court and include the claim merely to preserve the issue for possible appeal by Plaintiffs, rather than to assert it anew.
175. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendants Moran, Christian, Hitchcock, Kessler, and certain of the Doe Defendants, acted in concert herein to deny Plaintiffs' their rights as set forth herein or otherwise adversely affect the terms and conditions of their employment, knowingly, intentionally, willfully, recklessly, and/or with deliberate indifference for the rights and/or interests and/or well being of Plaintiffs, thereby directly and proximately causing injuries in amounts as set forth herein and to be proven at trial.

**Fifth Cause of Action - NEGLIGENCE SUPERVISION**

176. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
177. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf all

those similarly situated.

178. This claim for relief is brought against Defendants Christian and Hitchcock in their individual an official capacities, and Defendant BFD.
179. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendants Christian and the BFD, and certain of the Doe Defendants, and/or their predecessors and successors in their respective employment offices, failed and refused to properly train, supervise, and/or discipline Defendants Moran and Hitchcock, and certain other of the Doe Defendants, including but not limited to the supervisory staff of the BFD, thereby proximately causing the aforementioned injuries to Plaintiffs.
180. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendants BFD and Defendants Moran, Christian, Kessler, Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants acted herein with negligence and/or deliberate indifference to the rights, interests, and well being of Plaintiffs, thereby directly and proximately causing injuries in amounts as set forth herein and to be proven at trial.
181. Plaintiffs have brought to the attention, in writing and otherwise the discriminatory practices, retaliatory actions, and general negligence of the Defendants as set forth herein, to their supervisors and the City of Boston, or have been informed, or otherwise have experienced, that it would be futile to complain about such discriminatory practices.

**Sixth Cause of Action - INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

182. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
183. This cause of action is brought against Defendant Moran, Christian, Hitchcock, Kessler, and certain of the Doe Defendants in their individual capacities only.
184. Plaintiffs recognize that this Sixth Cause of Action for Intentional Infliction of Emotional

Distress was dismissed by order of this court as to Plaintiff Green and include the claim as for Plaintiff Barry and the new Defendants, and merely preserve the issue for possible appeal by Plaintiff Green, rather than to assert it anew.

185. Defendants knew or should have known that their conduct would cause severe emotional distress to Plaintiffs.
186. Defendants' conduct was and continues to be outrageous and beyond the bounds of decency.
187. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendant Moran, Christian, Hitchcock, Kessler, and certain of the Doe Defendants malevolently wrongfully and intentionally caused emotional distress upon Plaintiffs.
188. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendant Moran, Christian, Hitchcock, Kessler, and certain of the Doe Defendants acted herein knowingly, intentionally, willfully, and deliberately without regard for Plaintiffs' rights, interests, or well being, thereby directly and proximately causing injuries in amounts as set forth herein and to be proven at trial.

**Seventh Cause of Action - NEGLIGENCE**

189. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate all of the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs.
190. Plaintiffs bring this cause of action on behalf of themselves individually and on behalf all those similarly situated.
191. This cause of action is brought against all Defendants.
192. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereupon allege, that Defendants acted herein negligently, including but not limited to Defendants' failure to appropriately use, and/or train and supervise Defendant Moran and other Fire Department employees in the

appropriate standards of conduct regarding the prohibitions of political affiliation discrimination and retaliation for exercises of rights to freedom of speech constitutes negligence under state tort law and M.G.L. c. 258, *inter alia*, thereby proximately and directly causing the injuries of which Plaintiffs complain.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:

(A) For a determination that the named Plaintiffs qualify as class representatives for those persons similarly situated;

(B) For a Declaration that the actions and/or omissions of Defendants in failing and refusing to promote Plaintiff Barry on the basis of her political affiliation, or lack thereof, *inter alia*, with the attendant deprivations, as set forth herein violate Plaintiff Barry's rights under the First, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; Articles 1, 10, 11, 12, and 16 of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights; 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1985; G.L. c. 127, § 32; and state tort law; and for a further Declaration that the actions and/or omissions of Defendants in retaliating against Plaintiff Green because of her status as a witness to the aforesaid violations and for her support of Plaintiff Barry's report of violations of law violate Plaintiff Green's rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, Articles 1, 10, 11, 12, and 16 of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, 42 U.S.C. § 1983; M.G.L. c. 12, §§ 11H, 11I, and 11J; M.G.L. c. 127, § 32; and state tort law;

(C) For an injunction preventing Defendants from interfering with the terms and conditions of Plaintiff Green's position's responsibilities such that she be relocated at 115 Southampton Road, Boston with all of the facilities necessary for her to fulfill her employment responsibilities without harassment or intimidation.



(D) For general damages in the amount of no less than \$2,000.000 against Defendant Moran, Christian, Kessler, Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants, in their individual capacities, according to the proof thereof at trial;

(E) For special damages against Defendants Moran, Christian, Kessler, and Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants, in their individual capacities, according to the proof thereof at trial, in amount in excess of \$600,000 for the class representatives and an additional amount of approximately \$40 - 75,000 for each class member, plus medical expenses for Plaintiff Green;

(E) For pre-judgment interest and triple damages pursuant to the Whistleblower Protection Act, M.G.L., c. 149, § 185.

(F) For punitive damages against Defendant BFD, and Defendants Moran, Christian, Kessler, and Hitchcock, and certain of the Doe Defendants, in their individual capacities, in an amount sufficient to deter such practices in the future, which amount is alleged to be \$500,000;

(G) For reimbursement of Plaintiff's costs and expenses herein, including reasonable provision for their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, M.G.L. c. 12, § 11H, 11I, and 11J, and the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, *inter alia*; and

(H) For such further and additional relief as the Court deems appropriate and just.

**PLAINTIFFS DEMAND A TRIAL BY JURY ON ALL COUNTS SO TRIABLE**

Respectfully submitted,  
Plaintiffs Denise M. Barry and Jane B.Green  
By their attorney,

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Certificate of Service

I, Thomas F. Feeney, hereby certify that the foregoing document was served upon counsel for the named Defendants in this matter on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 2006 by Hand Delivery.

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